

Rationale for the reduction of the teaching principal

The principal at the West Harpswell School was contracted as a half time administrator and a half-time Title I teacher.

Title I is not a contributing factor in this analysis as it is not within the general budget.

The reduction of the half-time principal must be taken as savings because if the school closed it would not need a principal. If the residents of Harpswell chose to keep it open, the principal position would be a necessary cost. The District will have to provide sufficient administration at the Harpswell Islands School to meet the needs of the population there, but this will be a cost borne by the District to operate an existing cost. The combined population number of 185 students at Harpswell Islands School would suggest a full- time principal.